

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus with a housing, which housing is designed to accommodate a supply of a depilating tape, which depilating tape can be pulled away from the supply for application to the skin of a person, and which depilating tap, after application to the skin of a person, adheres to the skin along an application length so as to retain hair thereof and can then be pulled away from the skin of a person so as to remove retained hair, the apparatus comprising:

a wind-up reel accommodated in the housing, which wind-up reel is designed to take up the depilating tape that was previously adhering to the skin of a person;

a motor accommodated in the housing, the motor being

configured to be inactive during the application of the depilating tape to the skin of a person, and be activated to pull away the depilating tape from the skin of the person by a jerking movement;

a drive connection provided between the motor and the wind-up reel, so that the wind-up reel can be driven in rotation with the aid of the motor to take up the depilating tape that was previously adhering to the skin of a person; and

blocking means, provided to interact with the supply, such that the supply is secured against rotation as the wind-up reel is driven in rotation with the aid of the motor.

2. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drive connection comprises an interruptible drive connection, and wherein means for interrupting the drive connection are provided.

3. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the means for interrupting the drive connection comprises a hand-operated control button, through actuation of

which the interruptible drive connection can be interrupted.

4. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein determination means is provided for determining the application length along which depilating tape adheres to the skin of a person, and wherein the determination means is designed to determine different application lengths as desired.

5. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a hand-operated control button and wherein blocking means comprises a blocking lever which interacts with control button and with the supply, which control button can be shifted between a first position and a second position, and wherein, with the control button in its first position, the blocking lever assumes a release position enabling a pulling away of depilating tape from the supply, and wherein, with the control button in its second position, the blocking lever assumes a blocking position that blocks any pulling away of depilating tape from the supply as the wind-up reel is driven in rotation with the

aid of the motor via the drive connection.

6. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the supply of depilating tape is wound so as to form a supply coil wound onto a supply reel, and wherein the blocking means interacts with the supply reel.

7. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 10, further comprising an opening in the housing, which opening is provided and designed for passing depilating tape through to the skin of a person, and wherein the application means comprises an application roller which is arranged in the area of the opening.

8. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drive connection comprises an interruptible drive connection, such that, when depilating tape is be pulled away from the supply for application to the skin of a person, the wind-up reel may rotate free of the motor so as to enable pulling off of

the wind-up reel of depilating tape that was previously adhering to the skin of a person.

9. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interruptible drive connection comprises a single-direction coupling.

10. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising application means for applying depilating tape to the skin of a person.

11. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the application means and the wind-up reel are disposed so that a selected acute angle is formed between (a) the depilating tape from the supply as adhering to the skin of a person and (b) the section of depilating tape pulled off of the wind-up reel and running from the wind-up reel to the skin, whereby enhanced depilation results from pulling the adhering depilating tape away from the skin.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a heating device, the heating device providing for heating the depilating tape for application to the skin of a person.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wind-up reel, motor and drive connection are provided so as to cooperate to pull the depilating tape away from the skin of a person under parameters sufficient to remove retained hair.

14. (New) A depilating apparatus for removing, from a skin of a person, hair retained by a depilating tap, the depilating apparatus comprising:

a housing for accommodating the depilating tape to be pulled away from a supply for application to the skin of the person;

a lever having a locking position for preventing the depilating tape from being pulled away from a supply; and

a motor which is turned on when the lever is in the locking position for causing a jerking movement for pulling away the depilating tape from the skin and removing the hair.

15. (New) The depilating apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a heater configured to heat the depilating tape during the application to the skin of the person.

16. (New) The depilating apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a switch having a first position for activating a heater for heating the depilating tape during the application to the skin of the person; the switch further having a second position for deactivating the heater, placing the lever in the locking position, and activating the motor for the pulling away of the depilating tape from the skin.